# "THY MARTYR STEPHEN"

## ACTS 7:54-60

1. **THE REASON STEPHEN DIED: THE PREACHING OF TRUTH (7:54)**
   1. One Unsung Mark Of The Preaching Of Truth Is When People Become Angry
      1. The Hearts Of The Persecutors Had Been Literally "Sawn Asunder"
      2. Stephen Actually Turned The Tables On The Statement In Hebrews 11:37
   2. The Visible Result Of Stephen's Preaching Was A Prefiguring Of People In Eternal Torment In Hell
2. **HOW STEPHEN DIED: A DESCRIPTIVE ODYSSEY (7:55-56)**
   1. Full Of The Holy Ghost (7:55a)
   2. Experiencing The Presence Of Christ In An Unusual Way (7:55b-56)
   3. With Great Violence (7:57-58a)
      1. Verbal Violence (7:57a)
      2. Physical Violence (7:57b-58a)
         1. They Rushed Him Outside The City
         2. They Stoned Him
   4. In Prayer For Himself (7:59)
   5. In Intercession For His Murderers (7:60a)
   6. Buried Under A Pile Of Rocks But In The Presence Of Christ (7:60b)